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SUBJECT:NEW PROJECTED LEVEL OF FY 75 FMS CREDITS

REF: STATE 019954

1. FOLLOWING EARLIER MEETINGS WITH SISCO (STATE 281377) AND SECRETARY (STATE 019954), AT WHICH FONMIN KIFLE WAS TOLD THAT USG WISHED TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE IN CONTINUING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA, AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE HUMMEL AND OTHER STATE AND DOD OFFICIALS MET WITH KIFLE ON JANUARY 30. AT THIS MEETING KIFLE WAS INFORMED THAT AS OUTGROWTH MEETINGS WITH SISCO AND SECRETARY USG HOPED TO RAISE FY 75 FMS CREDITS FROM PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FIGURE OF DOLS 8.3 MILLION TO AN
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AMOUNT IN THE VICINITY OF DOLS 20-25 MILLION SUBJECT

TO CONGRESSIONAL CONSTRAINTS AND THE COMPLETION AND APPROVAL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION ON BREACHING THE AFRICA CEILING. KIFLE WAS TOLD THAT THE EXTENSION OF CONGRESSIONAL TERMS FOR THIS CREDIT WOULD ALSO REQUIRE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION AND ATTENDANT DOCUMENTATION AND THAT WE WERE INITIATING ACTION ON ALL THESE MATTERS IMMEDIATELY.

2. KIFLE WAS ALSO INFORMED REGARDING AVAILABIEITY OF ITEMS DESIRED BY PMG, OPTIONS FOR FUNDING VARIOUS ITEMS.

AND THE DESIRABILITY OF IMMEDIATE PMG DECISIONS ON PENDING SHIPMENTS. SEPARATE DOD MESSAGE PROVIDES DETAILS OF THIS DISCUSSION.

3. KIFLE INFORMS US THAT HE HAS REPORTED POSSIBLE NEW FMS CREDIT LEVEL TO EPMG. YOU SHOULD NOT RAISE THIS SUBJECT AT YOUR MEETING WITH TEFERI BANTE ON FEB. 1. IF HE HAS ALREADY RECEIVED KIFLE'S REPORT AND QUESTIONS YOU ABOUT MATTER YOU MAY CONFIRM NEW PLANNED CREDIT LEVEL, STRESSING THE CAVEATS OF CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND APPROVAL AND COMPLETION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION. YOU MAY ADD THAT THIS STEP IS PART OF THE EFFORT WE ARE MAKING AT THE SECRETARY'S DIRECTION TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO ETHIOPIA'S LATEST REQUEST IN THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE FIELD. KISSINGER

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